GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1570
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2003
OPERATION AND CONTROL ON T.V. CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. channels relayed in the country at present and the names of the companies which operate them;

(b) whether the Government exercise its full control over them;

(c) if so, whether any code of conduct or rules have been framed to check indecency and other matters contrary to Indian culture;

(d) if so, whether these rules/code of conduct are being complied with;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to curb the tendency of private T.V. channels creating a palpable threat to our art and cultural heritage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): A list of T.V. Channels, which are uplinked from within the country, after being duly permitted by this Ministry is at the Annexure. A large number of T.V. channels are also being uplinked from outside the country.

(b): As per existing guidelines, channels are permitted uplinking from India after fulfillment of eligibility criteria and compliance with terms & conditions, and on adherence to Programme and Advertising Codes. The channels are required to keep a record of materials uplinked for a period of 90 days and to provide the necessary monitoring facility for monitoring of program or content.

(c) to (f): The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 provides thatprogrammes of all television channels, when transmitted or retransmitted through the Cable Networks in the country, are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the said Act and Rules framed thereunder. The Programme and Advertising Codes, inter-alia, prohibit carriage of programmes/advertisements, which offend good taste and decency or contain anything obscene. Action for violation of the provisions of the Cable Act can be taken by an authorized officer i.e. DM, SDM or Commissioner of Police or anyother officer nominated in the official gazette by the Central Government/StateGovernment. The Central Government has also constituted two Committeesunder Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995,which either, suo motu, or on receipt of complaints look into the violations of the Programme and Advertising Codes and recommend action against televisionchannels. In a number of cases show cause notices have been issued to the channels for violation and action has been taken thereafter. This is an on-going exercise.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1570 FOR ANSWER ON 27.2.2003

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Name of the Channels	No. of Channels
1.	Mavis Satcom Pvt. Ltd.	JAYA TV	1
2.	Malayalam Communication Ltd.	KAIRALI	1
3.	Vijay Broadcasting Co. Pvt. Ltd.	VIJAY	1
4.	TV Today Network Ltd.	INDIA TODAY	1
5.	SUN TV Ltd.	SUN TV, SUN NEWS, SURYA TV, SURYA NEWS, SCV, SUN-II, SURYA-II,	

USHE TV, UDAYA NEWS,
TEJA NEWS, KTV 11
6.Jain Studios Ltd. JAIN TV 1

7Asianet Communications Ltd. ASIANET (ANALOG)
MALAYALAM,
ASIANET
GLOBAL(DIGITAL)
ASIANET (DIGITAL)
MALAYALAM 3

8.Udaya TV Ltd. UDAYA TV, UDAYA TV-II 2

9.Technology Media Group (P) Ltd. TMG ENTER, 1
10.Sky (B) Bangla Pvt. Ltd. AKASH B 1
11. Ushodaya Enterprises Ltd. ETV TELUGU, ETV
BENGALI, ETV MARATHI,
ETV KANNADA (IN
ANALOG & DIGITAL
MODE),
ETV URDU, ETV ORIYA,
ETV GUJURATI (IN
DIGITAL MODE ONLY)

ETV UP (HINDI)
ETV MP (HINDI)
ETV RAJASTHAN (HINDI)
ETV BIHAR (HINDI)
ETV PUNJABI
ETV TAMIL
ETV ASSAMI
ETV MALAYALAM 15
12.Raj TV Network Ltd. RAJ TV, RAJ DIGITAL PLUS2
13.Intelivision Ltd. SPLASH TV, NUM TV 2
14.STV Enterprises Ltd. PUNJAB TODAY 1

15.ZEE TELEFILMS LTD. ALPHA MARATHI
ALPHA GUJARATI
ALPHA BANGLA
ALPHA PUNJABI
ZEE NEWS
ZEE MUSIC

ALPHA KAVERI
ALPHA BHARATHI
ALPHA KRISHNA

ZEE TV
ZEE CINEMA 11
16.Entertainment Television Network Pvt. Ltd Etc- Hindi
Etc- Punjabi 2
17.Maa Television Network Ltd. MAA TV 1
18.Diksaat Transworld Ltd. WIN TV 1
19.Sahara Sanchar Limited SAHARA TV,
SAHARA TV DIGITAL,
SAHARA TV
ENTERTAINMENT,
SAHARA SAMAY
NATIONAL &
INTERNATIONAL,
SAHARA SAMAY UP,
SAHARA SAMAY MP,
SAHARA SAMAY BIHAR,
SAHARA SAMAY MUMBAI,
SAHARA SAMAY
RAJASTHAN,
SAHARA SAMAY NCR 10
20.Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd.SABe TV 1
21.Broadcast Worldwide Ltd. TARA BANGLA
TARA MARATHI
TARA GUJARATI
TARA PUNJABI 4
22.New Delhi Television Limited NDTV 1
23.Jeevan Telecasting Corporation Ltd. JEEVAN TV 1

24.Gemini TV Pvt. Ltd. Gemini TV
Teja TV 2
25.Indiavision Satellite Communications Ltd. INDIAVISION 1
26.TV Live India Pvt. Ltd. TV LIVE 1
27.Tamilan Kalaikoodam (P) Ltd. TAMILAN TELEVISION 1